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### Provincial Items.

#### CANADA.

We have Montreal and Toronto dates to June 28, and from St. John, N. B., to June 22:

Canada is in all the throes of a general election. The Legislature was dissolved June 14, and the writs were returnable on July 15. The struggle for supremacy lies between the Clear Grits or Liberals, and the Conservatives or Government party. The Liberal organs are crammed with the delinquencies perpetrated by the Administration during the last four years; whilst the Conservative press is doing its utmost to repel attacks at as well as make them. Sir Henry Smith, Speaker of the lower House, though a Conservative, denounces the Administration as unprincipled, and comes out in favor of the great cry of the Opposition—"Representation on the basis of population." The returns of the last census show that Upper Canada has an excess of population over Lower Canada of at least 235,000. Hitherto the Conservatives have been in the habit of denying the numerical superiority of Upper Canada, but as soon as the census demonstrated the fact beyond doubt, the Government press crop round in support of representation by population. The returns so far do not show which party will be in the ascendant. We observe that Thomas D'Arcy McGee has been returned for the Western district of Montreal, by acclamation. Mr. Cartier, Prime Minister, stands for the Eastern district, opposed to Mr. Dorion, leader of the Lower Canada opposition. Hon. Mr. Rose contests the Central district with Mr. Holmes of the Central Bank. The Hon. Geo. Brown, leader of the Upper Canada opposition, stands for the East district of Toronto, and is opposed by Mr. Crawford.

The Hon. Mr. Rose, Commissioner of Public Works had resigned. M. Cauchon was appointed to his place and also member of the Executive Council.

The Toronto Leader says that the loss of the Canadian proves that the route via the Straits of Bella Isle is too dangerous for navigation except two months in the year.

Prince Alfred, after being lionized in the Lower Provinces, is now meeting with similar manifestations of respect throughout Upper and Lower Canada.

The prospects of next harvest were not very flattering at last date.

The sawmill of Mr. Oldfield, at Deersville, was burned June 13th. Loss, \$30,000. Insurance, \$6,000.

Dr. Lewis, of Kingston, has been elected first Bishop of the Kingston diocese.

Dr. E. Ryerson of Toronto, proposes to write a "History of the British United Empire Loyalists of America."

The officials of the Canadian Grand Trunk Railway have, with one exception, resigned.

The Quebec Chronicle gives the majority of population in Upper or Lower Canada at 301,454, the respective numbers being, Upper Canada, 1,394,013; Lower Canada, 162,516; total, 2,485,632.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Province was engaged in a general election. The government of liberal party were generally successful. Wm. and Gr. y. leaders of the conservatives were both defeated; for St. Johns, by the Hon. S. Tilley, Provincial Secretary, and the Hon. Charles Watters. The Globe is afraid that there will not be enough Tories returned to make a decent opposition.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

EXPLOSION AT THE ALBION MINES, PICTOU.—We take the following from the Halifax Reporter:

A correspondent at New Glasgow telegraphs us that about eleven o'clock last night an explosion occurred in the old pits at the Albion Mines, Pictou.

Three men and seventeen horses were instantaneously killed by its violence.

One man is also stated to be excessively ill on account of the fire damp which met him whilst in the act of exploring a pit.

The extent of the damage that was done was not known this morning. The explosion was felt very severely in all the houses situated on the mines, and caused great consternation.

A later despatch to the same paper says:

The exploring party had been ordered up from the mines, as they were afraid of another explosion. It is thought that some of the boards below are on fire.

Heavy volumes of coal smoke are rising from the pits.

The city of Halifax advertises for a loan of \$224,000 to purchase the water-works.

The city of Halifax must be a peaceable city indeed. There are only twelve policemen to watch thirty thousand people, a traverse of sixty miles of streets and only six on duty during the day and two at night.

The receiving Ship *Pegasus*, which has been anchored off the Naval Yard for the last twenty-five years, was towed down the harbor by the Nimbly on Saturday afternoon, and anchored off Meagher's Beach Light House, so that every merchant vessel quitting the harbor, whether British or foreign, may be thoroughly searched for deserters. Should any persons be detected in secreting or soliciting deserters he will be summarily dealt with, as may be seen by referring to our advertising columns.—*Halifax Chronicle*.

We see by the Nova Scotia Gazette that the receipts of the Halifax Railway for the month of May amount to \$10,670,93, giving \$1436.18 over the corresponding month of last year.

The Palmetto flag has been hoisted on board a schooner in St. John Harbor. It caused great excitement among Americans.

On Tuesday, 11th of June the Woodcock Rifle Company was inspected by His Excellency and Major General Troloope. After the drill Major Troloope addressed the Company, and paid a high compliment to the officers and men constituting the corps. In course of his address the Major alluded to the Halifax Volunteers and said:

"In Halifax the Companies are very efficient; they have given much of their time and money, in order to perfect themselves. They have had an advantage which you have not. They have been drilled with the Garrison, which contains in that place all branches of the service, and consequently their chances of perfecting themselves in D. I. have been superior. Some of them during the last season, I provided with tents, and they attended at the Parade every evening and practise firing at the targets—till they camp in the tents, in military style, with their guns and sentries,—at early morning they continued their target firing, till it was time to attend to their daily duties, while they were attending to them they left a guard over their tents, till they return in the evening."

A number of fishermen have within the last few days been fined by the police magistrate for fishing in St. John Harbor on Sunday.

### War Items.

A spectator of the battle at Bull's Run says that the Zouaves literally decimated the Black Horse Cavalry, the celebrated rebel troop. About the middle of the battle, the Zouaves fired platoons upon the rebel infantry stationed in the woods. After they had fired, they discovered a troop of horse coming down on their rear. They carried the American flag, which deceived Col. Heintzelman, and made him believe they were United States Cavalry, and he so told the Zouaves. As they came nearer their true character was discovered, but too late for all the Zouaves to reload. The regiment faced and recrossed the cavalry as they came down, with leveled bayonets, which threw them into confusion. Then away went muskets, and the Zouaves went in with their knives and pistols. They seized horses and stabbed their riders. In this hand-to-hand conflict, the Black Horse troops were handled in their own professed way of fighting. The sequel showed the Zouaves to be the most expert handlers of the knife. When the fight was over, there were not twenty of the four hundred cavalry left alive. Men and horses had been cut to pieces by the infuriated red-shirts. This troop of cavalry had boasted they would picket their horses in the grounds of the White House.

The Alexandria correspondent of the New York World of July 8th says:

Thomas Curry, one of the New York Fire Zouaves, was assassinated in front of a row of notorious houses of evil reputation, on Maine Avenue, near Four-and-a-half street. No possible clue to the perpetrator has yet been discovered. This afternoon, at 3 o'clock, several Zouaves and others went to the houses, and entering them, broke up and destroyed the furniture, drove the inmates forth, set the houses on fire, and by their conduct prevented the fire companies from extinguishing the flames. The houses, in consequence were entirely consumed with their contents. Great excitement prevailed, and the Provost Marshal's office had to interfere to restore order and quietness. Several arrests were made.

The Journal des Debats, of June 29th, after reproducing from an English journal some details relative to the Confederate States of America, pronounces energetically against those States:

"We strongly recommend these extracts to the attention of our readers, especially as the Southern Confederacy appears disposed to redouble its efforts to obtain the recognition of Europe; and we leave them to decide if the prompt recognition of such a State, or even the expression of the least sympathy for it, would be worthy of a Christian or simply of a civilized nation. For our part we are convinced that such an act, though perhaps in conformity with international law, but which might be regarded as support involuntarily to the cause of the South, would find decided adversaries in the ranks of all the liberal press."

Gen. Scott is reported, upon excellent authority, to have said to the President that he had acted like a coward for the first time in his life, in yielding to the urgency of the public, in pressing and members of Congress, and advancing upon Massass before he was ready. Yet, probably every Congressman—and there were many—who was in Gen. McDowell's camp, was opposed to the contemplated attack, and they would have preferred the plan favored by some subordinate officers, to send reinforcements of infantry and artillery, and shell the rebels out of the woods before moving the infantry.

Some few ships in Liverpool flouted the rebel bunting on the Fourth. The English Government had dispatched over six hundred tons of war stores from Woolwich to Quebec. Our London correspondent states that there was no attention now paid to the rebel commissioners in England, and that the people at large dread the idea of a war with the United States. He asserts that Mr. Yancey has as much chance of negotiating the rebel loan in that country as he would have of selling a mortgage on an uncaught whale in the Arctic Ocean.—*N. Y. Herald*.

Gen. Garnett was shot by a Sergeant of the Seventh Indiana Regiment, named Burlingame, at a distance of about two hundred yards. Only one man, says the Wheeling Intelligencer, was near the General at the time, a headless young man from Georgia, the troops having refused to rally. The Georgian was also killed at the same instant, he and his companion falling in different directions, feet to feet.

I hereby certify that the persons above mentioned have shown a prima facie title to the lots set opposite their respective names.

(Signed) GEORGE HUNTER CARY, Attorney-General.

All the remaining lots in Chemanis (other than those pre-empted since the 8th day of July last) are now open to pre-emption under the conditions of the Pre-emption Proclamation.

J. D. PEMBERTON, Surveyor-General.

LAND OFFICE, July 30, 1861. Ju13

### PUBLIC NOTICES.



### TENDERS

FOR THE UNDERMENTIONED Works will be received at the Office of Lands and Works, New Westminster, British Columbia:

Construction of a Wagon Road, eighteen feet wide, on the Second Portage Harrison-Lillooet Road, commencing where the twelve-feet-wide road terminates, about eight miles more or less from Pemberton. It is to include, beyond that point, the unfinished portion of the recent contract and is to terminate on Lake Anderson.

The payment is to be half in cash and half in British Government Bonds, bearing interest of six per cent, plus one-half per cent.

The half of the bonds to be redeemed on the thirty-first day of December, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-two, and the other half on the thirty-first day of December, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-three.

Road to be completed by the thirteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Tenders for the above will be received until the twenty-eighth day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

III.

Construction of a Wagon-Road from Boston Bar to Lytton eighteen feet wide.

1. If the payment be made all in cash.

2. If the payment be made all in British Columbia Government Bonds, same conditions as above.

Road to be completed by the thirty-first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Tenders for numbers II and III will be received until the fifth day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

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## TO ADVERTISERS.

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### Notice to Subscribers:

Subscribers to the DAILY or WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST, in British Columbia or Washington Territory, are hereby notified that on and after this date all papers will be sent by MAIL, unless specially ordered by some other conveyance.

VICTORIA, NOV. 17th, 1861.

### Gratuitous.

Notices of Divine Service and Advertisements of Marriages or Deaths inserted GRATUITOUSLY.

Thursday Morning, August 22, 1861.

### Land Office.

Sometime ago a committee was moved for in the Assembly by Col. Foster to report on the facilities afforded immigrants in the Land Office to obtain land; and to report improvements on the present system if necessary. On Tuesday their report was submitted, and when the appropriations for the Surveyor General's department came up, a long and warm discussion occurred upon the condition of the department. The opinion obtained generally that the Land Office obstructed the settlement of the country; that when settlers wanted information they could not get it; and that the whole department was wretchedly mismanaged. The chairman of the committee on the state of the land office stated that the Surveyor General was incapable of discharging his duties efficiently. Other members concurred in the declaration. Not a member uttered a word in defence, so damning were the facts elicited. If accounts are to be believed it has been a perfect Augæus stable. It is due to the Surveyor-General to state that he charges the confusion and irregularities in the department to the Acting Surveyor-General, Mr. Pearce; and that much of it occurred during his absence. Whoever is to blame, the chairman of the committee declares the Surveyor General unfit to fill the position he occupies. Such being the case the public cannot but conclude that it is so; and naturally look for the appointment of a new Surveyor General.

What other course can be adopted, we fail to perceive. The Land Department is one of the most important in the country. Except it is put in the most efficient condition, it will be, as it has been, a perfect check to the settlement of the country. In the evidence, the scandalous disclosure appears that lands have been marked as sold, kept away from bona fide settlers, but afterwards given up. From this we are led to infer that those in charge of the department have been parties to speculation by holding for speculators the Crown lands till they found nothing could be made out of it; then they have given it up and been let off without paying for it. We cannot conceive how such unparable conduct can be passed over by the Assembly or the Governor without a thorough purification, or how a single officer who has been mixed up in such transactions can be left in the department.

The Hume, the American "medium" who charmed half Paris, is exposed as a trickster. It seems that a shoe of very singular construction containing springs and other mechanical appliances, was found, after the medium's third visit in the room in the Tuilleries in which he had shown off his wonders. Nobody about the palace knowing anything of this remarkable shoe inferred that it had served the "medium" in the production of his phenomena, and had been inactive tamely left behind by him on his departure seen unavoidable.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

#### FOR SALE.

LOTS NO. 809 AND 810 (60 by 120) YATES  
Street, by  
JOSEPH AUSTEN.

#### Money to Lend.

\$700 ON GOOD SECURITY FOR ANY sum agreed upon.  
Apply to Mr. COULTNEY, Solicitor, at his Office, 7 Yates street, Victoria. au22 Im

**Notice.**  
**THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** of Victoria Lodge, 1085 F, and A. M., will be held in the Lodge THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock.  
By order of the W.M.  
THOS. C. NUTTALL,  
Secretary.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

#### DAY BEACON.

**FALSE DUNGENESS HARBOR, W. T.** ON THE SIXTH DAY OF AUGUST A Day Beacon will be exhibited for the first time on Ediz Hook, or Point Angeles, the eastern terminus of the long, low sand spit bounding False Dungeness Harbor, on the North.

The Beacon will consist of an upright pole, supported by struts and arched between its top and centre with three sets of wings of different shapes, these latter determining its characteristic distinction, the surface of each being presented to a separate point of the compass: the color of the entire beacon will be white. It will be fifty feet in height, the platform upon which it is erected being only a few feet above the mean level of the sea.

The Beacon should be visible, in a favorable state of the atmosphere, at a distance of eight nautical or nine and a half statute miles.

Latitude of Beacon - - - 48°08'37" Longitude S. - - - 123°25'5" Approximately In time " " " - 8h 13'40"5

The Light House at Race Rocks bears from Ediz Hook W. N. W. (magnetic), distant eleven nautical miles.

The Light House at New Dungeness, N. E. S. (magnetic), distant eleven nautical miles.

Victoria lies nearly due North (true) from Ediz Hook, and is distant about seventeen nautical miles.

Variation of Magnetic Needle - - - 29°5' east.

Cape Flattery Light, Tatoosh Island, W. T.

The lens of this Light has been enlarged by an additional section, increasing the arc of illumination, and exhibiting the light farther up the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

The Block House on the Island has also been removed.

By authority of the Light House Board,

N. MICHLER,  
Engineer 12th L. H. District.

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PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE

Supreme Court of Civil Justice, made on an exparte petition in the matter of the Land Registry Act, 1859, notice is hereby given that certain Deeds, dated Victoria, the 23d day of June, 1858, and Victoria, the 23d day of July, 1858, and purporting to convey Lots 1290 and 1291 on the original main road, from the Hudson Bay Company to the grantees therein named, have been lost or mislaid. And I further give notice that I will give or pay a Reward of Ten Dollars to any person or persons who will bring the said Deeds to me at my Office, or give such information as will lead to their recovery on or before the 19th day of November, next ensuing.

G. E. DENNIES,  
Solicitor for Petitioner.

Victoria, 20th August, 1861.

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MACDONALD & CO.,

YATES STREET, VICTORIA, V. I.

SELL EXCHANGE drawn at sight or on time on

Coutts & Co., London.

Bank of State of New York, New York.

DRAFFTS ON

San Francisco, California.

Portland, Oregon.

GOLD DUST and Bullion purchased at the highest rates.

ADVANCES MADE on gold dust left for assay at Government Assay Office, New Westminister, or intent for assay or coinage to United States Mint, San Francisco.

Collections made on reasonable terms, and a

General Banking Business Transacted.

Victoria, V. I., July 19, 1861.

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## House of Assembly.

WEDNESDAY, August 21, 1861.  
House met at three o'clock. Present—Speaker Helmcken, and Messrs. Cary, Franklin, Waddington, Foster, Crease, McDonald, Gordon.

### LAND COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. Waddington moved that the report of the Land Committee be read. Adopted and the report was read.

### FIREMEN'S PROTECTION BILL.

House in Committee on the Bill to extend the provisions of the Firemen's Protection Act, 1860, Mr. Waddington in the chair.

The chairman stated that the firemen were extremely anxious to frame laws for themselves, and he had understood that the House was in favor of granting them the privilege.

Mr. Cary said that a delegation from the Board of Delegates had waited upon him yesterday with a draft of what was required, from which he had drawn a number of sections which he proposed introducing to-day. He also stated that the delegation seemed greatly in favor of the Governor signing all by-laws passed by the firemen.

Mr. Crease asked what effect the passage of the bill would have on the firemen power to pass by-laws.

Mr. Waddington explained that the passage of the bill by the Legislature would remove the department entirely from the influence of local politics.

Mr. Franklin was in favor of the measure, but could not approve of altering the spirit of the bill in committee without first sending the amendments through first and second readings.

Mr. Burnaby believed the matter should not be postponed. The honorable member was entitled to offer amendments if he saw fit.

The chairman said the committee had no right to change the title; but amendments might be introduced. The position of the department was an awkward one. The term of office of its leaders would soon expire, and unless the bill was passed now, it would go without officers.

Mr. Franklin was afraid the passage of the bill might conflict with the corporation.

A motion that the committee rise was made—lost, and the bill was proceeded with:

Sec. 1. The Fire Department shall be organized in manner following. Carried.

Sec. 2. The Department shall consist of existing companies and such other companies as may from time to time be admitted pursuant to by-laws regulating Department. Carried.

Sec. 3. The officers shall consist of a Chief and Assistant Engineers, President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Franklin would again call the attention of the House to the irregular manner in which these sections were introduced. They were not embodied in the original bill, and no one had a chance to read them. The bill was actually smuggled into the House without the members being afforded an opportunity to peruse it.

The chairman remarked that the hon. member was out of order, the Committee having already decided to discuss the bill.

Section three was passed without further opposition, and the remaining sections went through with very little argument.

Sec. 4. The Board of Delegates shall consist of three persons from each company; the first delegates to be elected seven days after the passage of this Act.

Sec. 5. Each member of an admitted company shall have three votes—one for each delegate.

Sec. 6. The Board of Delegates shall have the power of framing by-laws for the regulation of the Fire Department, which after approval by the Governor in writing, shall become binding and conclusive on all members of the Department.

Sec. 7. The Board of Delegates shall annually elect a President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Sec. 8. The first election for President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall take place on the seventh day after the election of the delegates; subsequent elections to take place on a day in each year to be fixed by law.

Sec. 9. Until the election of a Chief and Assistant Engineer under this Act, the present Chief and Assistant Engineers shall continue to hold office.

Sec. 10. At the annual election for Chief and Assistant Engineers, each member of the department shall have one vote for each officer, and in case of an equality of votes, the President shall have the casting vote.

Sec. 11. The President of the Department shall call said election by giving at least ten days notice in one of the local papers.

Sec. 12. The election shall be held under such regulations as may be contained in by-laws passed by the Board of Delegates.

Sec. 13. The election of the Chief and Assistant Engineer shall be subject to the approval of the Governor.

Secs. 14, 15, 16 and 17, provide for the immunity of members of the Department from prosecution in cases where property is destroyed at fires by order of officers.

This completed the bill.

At twenty minutes before 5 o'clock Mr. Crease moved and Mr. Cary seconded that the committee should rise and report progress.

The motion was lost, upon which Messrs. Cary, Crease and Burnaby left.

Mr. Waddington thought that he might report progress on Fireman's Protection Bill and sit on another.

Progress was then reported.

PAWNBROKER'S BILL.

House in committee on the Pawnbroker's Bill, Mr. Franklin in the chair.

Several sections of this bill were passed and the committee rose and reported progress.

House adjourned till to-day (Thursday) at three o'clock, p.m.

### ORDER OF DAY.

House in committee on Supply.

### Report on the State of the Land Office.

Inasmuch as some curiosity has been excited to learn what has been the cause of the charges made in the Assembly against the Surveyor General and the general management of the Land Department, we append the report of the Committee laid before the House, and the principal points in the evidence taken. The report is dated August 20, 1861, and commences by stating that the Surveyor General had been interrogated, and

1. That difficulties do exist in the Land Office in the way of affording immigrants information as to the Crown Lands.

2. The information is indefinite, deficient and not obtainable.

3. Surveys defective and incomplete.

4. Much uncertainty appears to have existed as to what lands were sold and what unsold,—on account of large tracts of country land having been marked upon the public map at the Land Office as sold, and subsequently the same lands having been offered for sale; on account of reputed buyers having been allowed to throw up their purchases, while bona fide settlers have been debarred from obtaining lands.

5. Public notices issued at the Land Office conflict with the proclamations of the Governor.

6. The general want of system in the management of the Land Office, which engenders a want of confidence, and deters settlers, to a considerable extent, from investing their capital.

2. The Committee suggest, with a view to remedying these inconveniences—

A. That the information in the Land Office with regard to the lands should be rendered in such a manner, and with sufficient plainness of detail, as to enable the public to be acquainted with the character of every section of land on an application; such information to be guaranteed by the Land Office.

B. That the Surveyor General must be held personally responsible for the completeness and correctness of all public surveys.

C. That any coloring or other mark on the official maps should not be effaced; but in case the alterations be required, the original marks should remain undisturbed.

D. That steps should be taken to issue titles or agreements to convey in all cases where the land has been paid for in full, as stipulated in the form

of certificate issued to purchasers by the Land Office.

G. F. FOSTER, Chairman,  
W. J. McDONALD,  
ROBT. BURNABY,  
ALFRED WADDINGTON.

### ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE.

We give the chief part of the evidence submitted by the Committee. It is not very extensive; only four witnesses were called.

Mr. Pidwell stated that in 1859 there were 134 settlers who agreed to take up land in Chemainus, but only 84 persons could be supplied, as there was not enough land. The 84 surveyed the land at their own expense. No lot being larger than 200 acres. Some 20 or 30 proceeded to Chemainus to settle; but were prevented by the Indians. They waited for the Government to give them quiet possession; but it had never yet done so.

Mr. Copland said that 29 settlers went to Salt Spring Island in July 1859. An agreement had been made and filed in the Land Office; but the Surveyor General's notice lately issued had left out Mr. Linaker. The notice was at variance with the agreement. Several aliens who took up land under the agreement are prevented from holding by the pre-emption proclamation. The land system offered no facilities to immigrants.

Mr. Stenhouse confirmed Mr. Copland's testimony. There were only four pre-emptions under the agreement in '59, improved. He had applied to the Surveyor General to get possession of his claim, but was referred to Mr. Cary. In April last Mr. Tiedeman, Assistant Surveyor, refused to give him a receipt. He afterwards offered to return registration fee. He registered 150 acres. A question arose as to my claim in '59, and I was referred to Mr. Cary.

Surveyor General was examined. There were 1,000 acres sold in Highland district, and from 10,000 to 12,000 unsold. In eight districts all sold worth settling upon. In Cowichan one-quarter of the land surveyed is sold; none occupied. The Indians remove the Surveyor's posts to hold the land till they are paid for it. The settlement of Salt Spring Island titles rests with the Surveyor General. During the absence of the Surveyor General great confusion occurred in the Land Office. The Land Office had nothing to do with Chemainus, Salt Spring Island titles are not settled yet. In Cowichan there are reserves of 5,000 acres for general purposes. No special reserves for schools. The road to Cowichan by Longford's Lake or Suanich Arm would pass over 15 miles of mountainous and unprofitable country. A cattle road ought to be opened there.

### Arrival of the Henrietta.

The steamer Henrietta, Capt. Insley, arrived from Port Douglas via New Westminster at two o'clock yesterday morning, bringing a few passengers, a small amount of gold dust, and twenty tons of ice put up by Mr. Duncan Robertson of Port Douglas.

Through the politeness of Mr. Robertson, we have been placed in possession of the following items of interest:

**SINGULAR ROBBERY.**—On Friday morning of last week an Italian storekeeper at Lillooet fell sick and a stranger from Cariboo, pretending to be a physician, undertook to prescribe. He laid the sick man on his back on a bed up stairs, and procuring a quantity of hems made a poultice and placed them on the patient's stomach. He charged him to lie perfectly still for twenty-four hours, at the end of which time he would rise a new man. The quack then withdrew, and the sick man laid quiet until evening, when no signs of him being visible after repeated calling, he arose and on going down stairs was dumbfounded to find that his money drawer had been robbed of its contents—some \$174. Search was at once made for the "physician" and he was traced to Port Douglas on Sunday and arrested by Constable Flynn. The stolen money, and \$200 besides, was found on his person. He is set down for an old thief, and the clever manner in which he deceived his patient certainly stamps him as an adept.

The news from Cariboo continues of a very exciting character; big strikes being reported every day. Mr. Elwyn has written down that a large amount of gold dust is at Quesnel City awaiting the arrival of the Gold Escort to send it below.

It is the opinion of parties who have just returned to Douglas from Cariboo, that many miners will come down rich in the fall, while others will be "flat broke." Many of the latter class have rich claims but gamble their money away as soon as taken out.

Seventy-five tons of goods are sent from Douglas to Lillooet weekly; business is brisk and workingmen in demand.

At New Westminster matters are quiet, and mosquitoes scarce. At the mouth of Harrison River the pests are decreasing in number.

Extensive tracts of prairie land are said by the Indians to exist within two days travel of Port Douglas.

**LAND OFFICE CLOSED.**—In consequence of the discussion, on Tuesday, in the Assembly about money for assistance in the Land Office, that department was closed yesterday; and on the door was found the following—

### NOTICE.

J. D. Pemberton and H. Tiedeman are absent on a survey. The office will be open again on Saturday next.

H. T.

It is satisfactory to know that the institution will be opened again; yet we believe it would have been a little more convenient to the public had the notice of the closing been made public through the newspapers.

**NEW STEAMERS.**—The hull of the steamer Cariboo will be thoroughly repaired, we learn, at Laing's yard, and new and powerful engines obtained. She will ply, under another name, between this port and Hope and Douglas. The Hudson Bay Company are also considering a project of building a side-wheel steamer to be placed on the route from Victoria to New Westminster in place of the Otter. The boat, if built, will be one of the finest on the Pacific, and will cost from \$75,000 to \$90,000. The engines and other necessary apparatus will be brought from England.

**ARREST.**—A man named Stratton was yesterday arrested and confined in the debtor's prison, for want of proper security, under a writ of *re-exeat* or something like it. He is said to be suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

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### THE BOGUS EXTRA.

**EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:**—I see by this morning's *Press* that the editor calls upon some (to him) unknown parties to account for the Extra put in circulation on Saturday night last, and which he reproduced in his Sunday morning's issue. For the information of the *Press* I wish to state that I was the originator of the Extra, and paid for the printing of it. I wished to play a practical joke on a few friends, not supposing that any person with a grain of common sense, after perusing the whole of it, would believe that one single paragraph was true. I always gave—and still give—the editor of the journal alluded to credit for more sense than to suppose that he believed for a moment it was anything else than a bogus affair, gotten up for local amusement. He makes some billions remarks about it; but as nobody has been injured by its circulation, I do not see as I have anything to be sorry for.

Hoping that you will make room for the above,

I remain, respectfully yours,

J. S. SHAPARD.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Assembly yesterday passed in Committee of the Whole the Firemen's Protection Bill; which gives the department, through its Delegates, power to pass by-laws regulating that body.

The power granted the firemen last year of electing their officers is renewed. All by-laws, before going into effect, must be signed by the Governor. The department is to be governed by a Chief Engineer, an Assistant Engineer, a President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

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### THE CROPPED CONVICT.

Charles H. Brown, the convict who lost an ear on Tuesday while committing an assault on Jailer Wright, will be sent for trial to the Court of Sessions.

### DECISION.

Chief Justice Cameron will

give a decision in the case of the proposed removal of the old bridge this morning, at 10 o'clock.

### AUCTION.

J. A. McCrea will sell at his salesrooms, on Wharf street, at 11 o'clock, a. m., a large assortment of liquors, groceries and provisions.

### MAIL FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

A mail will be dispatched to San Francisco by H. M. ship Hecate early in the ensuing week.

### THE GUNBOAT GRAPPLER.

The gunboat Grappler proceeded to Race Rocks yesterday with supplies for the lighthouse.

### THE SLOOP WILD DUCK.

The sloop Wild Duck, with a few letters from the Sound, arrived yesterday morning.

### AT LATEST DATES.

At latest dates, H. M. ship Terminus was at Panama.

### HAS JEFF. DAVIS A PIRATIONAL CRAFT IN THE PACIFIC?

We take the following from the Honolulu (Sandwich Islands) *Commercial Advertiser* of the 4th of July:

Captain Nichols, of the clipper ship Bald Eagle, informs us that on the second day out from San Francisco, he raised a sail on his windward quarter. He kept on the same course till the vessel had approached near enough to show that she was a long, low, suspicious-looking black craft, of a schooner rig. Capt. N. examined his chart, comparing the course of the schooner with the wind, and came to the conclusion that she was bound northward, but to speak his ship. By this time she had approached somewhat nearer, close enough to show that she was well manned and anything but a trader. Having a large amount of specie (\$530,000) on board, and suspecting all was not right, and that the schooner might be fitted out for privateering purposes, he changed his course, put his vessel in her best sailing trim, set every inch of canvas he could spread, and before nightfall left the black craft nearly hull down astern, and in the morning nothing was seen of her. Capt. Nichols thinks there is no doubt that she was a pirate, but whether commissioned with one of Jeff. Davis' letters of marque or not, makes no material difference. The Bald Eagle was armed with two ship's guns and plenty of small arms, and Capt. N. says he would not have feared meeting the schooner, unless she had guns of longer range, which was very probable. Vessels leaving San Francisco with coal, should give these pirates a wide berth. A war vessel should be stationed off the port of San Francisco in the track of outward-bound ships.

### BONAPARTE FOR THE SOUTH.

The Paris correspondent of the N. Y. *Times*, in his letter of June 26th, says he has been informed that the agents of the Southern Confederacy in Paris have formally made a proposition in writing to young Captain Bonaparte, formerly of Baltimore, to accept the position of Military Dictator of the Southern Confederacy with a crown at his disposal whenever he may deem it necessary to assume the dignity. Fortunately for him, Captain Bonaparte (as well as his grandmother, Madame Patterson Bonaparte,) goes for the Union, and the Captain refused the unequal and unnatural proposition in the most decided way.

### THE REVENUE CUTTER "JEFF. DAVIS."

The following suggestion with regard to this vessel appears in the New York *Advertiser* of July 18th:

In your edition of Sunday I notice a list of vessels in the revenue service, among them the Jeff. Davis, Puget Sound, 150 tons, 4 guns. I would suggest, through your valuable paper, that the name of this vessel be altered to Winfield Scott, as her present name is a disgrace to our Union, worse than Benedict Arnold of old.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

**Ryckman & Marks,**  
Wholesale Dealers and Importers

—  
WINES and LIQUORS,  
Wharf, Opposite Yates Street.

OFFER FOR SALE

**JAS. HENNESSY'S FINE PALE BRANDY**  
Vintage 1856, do do  
Vintage, 1857, do do  
Ed J. u. m's do do  
Vintage, 1858, do do  
M. & C. Brandy, do do  
American Brandy, Whisky, Gin, etc., etc.  
Old Jamaica Rum,  
Harvey's Scotch Whisky,  
Old Mag'z in Wisky (Bourbon),  
Bower's XXX Whisky do  
Superior Old G. Brandy,  
do Holland Gin,  
do St. Croix Rum,  
Choice Old Port Wine,  
do Sherry, do  
Claret in case (Chateau La Rose and J. Durand),  
do bulk fine article,  
Champagne, (E. Chiquot) arts and parts,  
(Louis Lureux) do do  
do (Delbeck & Berghe's) pony size.

Sachem, Baker's, Leslie's, Scher's Morning Call,  
Hostetter's Sardins and Orange Bitters,  
Syrups, Cordials, Cider, Schnapps,  
Wormwood Old G. Brandy,  
etc., etc., etc.

—ALSO—

4 bales Choice Hops.  
For sale low by  
**RYCKMAN & MARKS,**  
Wharf street.

JULY 6th

**REMOVAL.**  
**C. VEREYDHEN,**  
Contractor and Builder,  
Has removed his Office to the Brick Building  
Corner of Douglas and Fort streets, upstairs.

**A**ND IS PREPARED TO CONTRACT  
for or superintend the erection of Brick or  
Frame Buildings of any kind or style.

Parties who intend to build will do well to call

and plans will be shown for brick stores or dwellings

which can be erected at a trifling cost over that of a

wooden building.

Plans and drawings of every style and specification

made at the shortest notice.

JULY 27th

**S. E. LASSEUR,**

Forwarding and Commission Merchant,

**AT REINHART BROS. STORE,**

**VICTORIA, V. I.**

Victoria, May 13, 1861.

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**B. C. JANION,** { JANION, GREEN & CO.,  
Liverpool } Honolulu, Sandwich Island  
**JANION & GREEN,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANT  
Foot of Johnson st., near the Bridge.

JULY 25th

Victoria, V. I.

Agents for the Liverpool Board of Underwriter

**HENRY NATHAN,**  
IMPORTER AND GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT. No. 9 Wharf street, Victoria, V. I.

JULY 26th

**LOST !**

ON MONDAY LAST, A SORREL HORSE  
With a white face; saddle and bridle. Whoever  
brings the same to the COLONIST Office will be re-  
warded.

AUGUST 8th

**RECEIVED,**  
**EX MARCELLA,**  
**CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Service and Prayer Books,

Both handsomely and plainly Bound.

—ALSO—

A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF

Superior English Stationery.

**HIBBEN & CARSWELL.**

JULY 11th

**PIONEER SHAVING SALOON :**

—AND—

**BATH HOUSE !**

**W. D. MOSES**

CONTINUES AT HIS OLD STAND,  
CATHARINA 50 FEET. The Pioneer Bath House is  
the only one in town that supplies its customers with  
pure Spring Water.

Government Street, opposite Post Office.

JULY 13th

**TOWN OF SAANICH**

FOR SALE.

**LOTS ARE NOW OFFERED FOR**  
Sale in the new Town and Waterfront Place of  
Sandwich on Baran or Summer Bay, near the limits  
of South and North Saanich Districts. Besides the  
many other advantages it is lovely spot to live in, the  
best adapted for sea bathing on this part of the  
Island, and as such will soon become a place of pub-  
lic resort, being only 12 miles from Victoria.

The price of town lots and conditions of payment  
will be given to those who will make inquiry.

The purchase money will be retained in the hands of a  
committee selected among the purchasers to be laid

out in improvements, as the Committee may think  
most advantageous.

Maps of the town and site may be inspected at the  
office of

**LEOPOLD LOWENBERG.**

Real Estate Agent, Government Street, No. 9, be-  
tween Fort and Broughton's streets.

JULY 14th

**THE CHARTRES COFFEE**

—OF—

**G. VENARD**

HAS ACQUIRED SUCH A REPUTA-  
TION all over the Pacific Coast that there is  
scarcely any demand for other marks.

**NO WONDER !**

that inferior and spurious articles are attempted to  
be passed off as superior and genuine under the same  
brand and paper.

**But do not be imposed upon.**

Be cautious to observe that every package will bear,  
besides the usual brand,

**MY SIGNATURE IN FULL**

To be had of all the principal Grocers in British  
possessions and California, and at my Factory,  
Kearny street, corner of Sutter street, San Fran-  
cisco.

JULY 15th

**G. VENARD.**

DAILY  
PASSENGER TRAIN  
FROM

**YALE TO LYTTON CITY !**

CONNECTING WITH

**Coyosha, in British Columbia.**

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING STOCKED  
THE LINE ROAD WITH EXCELLENT ANIMALS, INTEND  
RUNNING A REGULAR TRAIN FROM YALE TO LYTTON CITY  
AND BACK. HORSES WILL LEAVE BOTH POINTS EACH DAY,  
AT WHICH TIME THE TRAIN CAN BE MADE IN ONE DAY. THE  
TRAIN WILL BE MADE ON SATURDAY THE 19th INST.

AYLES & BLACKHAWK.

JULY 16th

**AYLES & BLACKHAWK.**

## HOTELS AND SALOONS.

## ALBION SALOON.

**PERRETT & TIGHE,** Proprietors,

N. W. Corner of Yates and Waddington Sts.

**THE PROPRIETORS OF THIS NEW**

SAALON beg most respectfully to inform their  
friends and customers, that having opened in their  
new building, they are now prepared to supply them

with the finest quality.

OF THE FINEST QUALITY.

The upper story of the building will be fitted up as

SLEEPING APARTMENTS for the accommodation

of guests.

**HOT LUNCH EVERY DAY.**

JULY 21st

**PERRETT & TIGHE**

Washington Restaurant

—AND—

**COFFEE SALOON,**

GOVERNMENT St. bet. YATES AND JOHNSON

**MEALS FURNISHED AT ALL HOURS**

ON THE SHORTEST NOTICE AND BEST STYLE.

BOARD PER WEEK, \$7.00 AND UPWARDS.

THE FINEST WINES, PORTER, ALE

—AND—

**SEGARS,**

JULY 21st

**RINGO'S**

Hotel and Restaurant,

Langley street, few doors South of Yates

**VICTORIA, V. I.**

**THIS NEW AND ELEGANTLY FURNISHED HOTEL**

is now ready for the reception of boarders.

Board by the day, week or month at reasonable rates.

PRIVATE ROOMS, PARLORS, AND WELL VENTILATED BEDROOMS.

THE TABLE WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH ALL THE DELICACIES OF THE SEASON.

SAMUEL RINGO,

AU 2nd

Proprietor

**CAMERON'S**

Board and Lodging House,

SCOTT'S WHARF, NEW WESTMINSTER.

**CAMERON TAKES THIS METHOD**

OF RETURNING HIS SINCERE THANKS TO THE TRAVEL-

PUBLIC FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH HE HAS BEEN PA-

TRONIZED SINCE THE OPENING OF HIS HOUSE (14 MONTHS AGO) AND BEGS TO STATE THAT HE HAVING GREATLY ENLARGED

His house is now prepared to board and lodge any

NUMBER OF MEN THAT MAY PLEASE TO CALL. I AM DETER-

MINED, AS BEFORE, TO KEEP THE BEST TABLE ON THE RIVER.

THE BEDS IN THE HOUSE CAN NOT BE BEAT FOR CLEANLINESS

AND COMFORT, BEING UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF MRS. C.

AND CO. FEE, \$1.00 PER PERSON.

BOARD AND LODGING PER WEEK . . . . . \$8.00

SMALL MEALS . . . . . 25

BEADS PER NIGHT . . . . . 50

Parties can have their beds free by furnishing their own blankets etc. The house is pleasantly situated, being opposite the theatre, and on the wharf where all the steamers stop. Here in fact the boys will find every thing.

Conveyances, leases, etc., drawn up at reasonable rates.

JULY 23rd

**LD. LOVENBERG.**

REAL ESTATE AGENT.

EAST SIDE OF GOVERNMENT ST., BET. YATES & JOHNSON

**WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO**

SELLING, PURCHASING, AND LEASING PROPERTY, TO

NEGOTIATING LOANS, AND TRANSACTING EVERYTHING CON-

NECTED WITH REAL ESTATE BUSINESS.

MAPS OF ALL THE DIFFERENT DISTRICTS ON THE ISLAND MAY

BE SEEN AT HIS OFFICE.

Parties desirous of purchasing Homesteads, or making Investments, will find on his Bulletin Board Town Lots on nearly every street; Farming or Gardening Land in every District; some of which afford a rare chance for investment.

Conveyances, leases, etc., drawn up at reasonable rates.

JULY 24th

**W. H. OLIVER,**

Import, and Wholesale Dealer in

Fine English, French and American

**LIQUORS,**

CHAMPAGNES, CALIFORNIA WINES

**CLARETS AND BRANDIES,**

In the large and spacious Warehouse.

JOHNSON STREET, OPPOSITE WHARF STREET,

**VICTORIA, V. I.**

A Large Stock of Bonded Wines and Brandies always

on hand.

To dealers purchasing in large quantities, a liberal

allowance will be made for cash.

Agency of 1st Premium California Wines, in pack-

ages and cases;

Old and New Spanish and Portuguese Wines, in

casks and cases;

High Proof Jamaican Rum;

Scotch Whisky;

Brandy and Whiskies;

Alcohol and Spirits, in bladders and tins;

Champagne Wines, complete stock of all the favorite

brands now in use;

And a general assortment of Case Liquors, Cordials,

Syrups, etc.

Traders and Dealers visiting Victoria will find it to

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